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Wilson Introduces Bill to Arm Cargo Pilots

Tues. March 4, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Joe Wilson (SC) along with Republican Senators Jim Bunning (KY) and George Allen (VA) as well as Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer (CA) held a press conference to announce legislation that would allow cargo pilots to carry arms. Rep. Wilson introduced H.R. 1049, The Arming Cargo Pilots Against Terrorism Act in the House, while Senators Bunning and Boxer introduced the bill in the Senate.

“After lessons learned from September 11, 2002, Congress voted overwhelmingly last year to arm commercial airline pilots against future acts of terrorism,” said Rep. Wilson. “Yet, due to negotiations in conference, the bill failed to include cargo pilots, creating a huge risk to the security of the American people.”

“It is not logical to exclude cargo pilots from carrying arms. The facilities around cargo airlines often have much lower security, and many flights carry biological or chemical agents that would cause massive injuries to the American people if one of these flights were to be hijacked,” Rep. Wilson added.

The *Arming Cargo Pilots Against Terrorism Act* will close the legislative loophole and reinforce our homeland defense by adding an additional layer of security.

Tom Taylor of Hilton Head Island Named Citizen of the Month February 2003

“We are extremely fortunate to have such exceptional talent and dedication within South Carolina. Citizens receiving this award have devoted inordinate amounts of time and energy to enhancing our great state and nation. Tom Taylor is truly a role model for us all.” -Rep. Wilson.

Wilson Introduces Bill to Designate Floyd Spence Post Office Building

Thurs. Feb 27, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Joe Wilson (SC) announced he has introduced legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, SC, as the “Floyd Spence Post Office Building.” The rest of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation co-sponsored the bill. In addition, Senator Lindsey Graham (SC) is expected to introduce this legislation in the Senate.

“It is a privilege to have my fellow South Carolina Members joining me to honor the late Congressman Floyd Spence,” said Rep. Wilson. “Floyd Spence was much more than a predecessor, he was my dear friend and most trusted mentor.”

“For South Carolinians, Floyd Spence was a true leader with a lifetime commitment to public service. And as he served as Chairman of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, Floyd Spence was a leader for the nation, warning of the grave dangers of terrorism and helping to prepare our military to deal with our present day threats.”

He first came to Congress in 1970, serving the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and held that office until his death in 2001. During his time in the U.S. House, Floyd Spence served as the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Standards and Official Conduct for thirteen years and was elected by his colleagues as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, a position he held for six years.

*Congressman
Floyd Spence*

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Wilson Calls for Minority to End Estrada Filibuster

Wed. March 13, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Joe Wilson (SC) made the following remarks following a press conference with Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), discussing the upcoming cloture vote on judicial nominee Miguel Estrada. President George W. Bush nominated Mr. Estrada to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2001.

“The actions of Senate Democrats to filibuster President Bush’s nomination of Miguel Estrada are not only appalling, they are subverting the constitution and the will of the American people. Yet, Senate Minority members continue to play bureaucratic games.”

“There is no justifiable reason to refuse Mr. Estrada’s confirmation. The Minority hasn’t put forward a valid argument that Mr. Estrada failed to adequately explain his positions. However, when he offered to answer any additional questions and to meet with any Senator personally, not one, to my knowledge, has taken him up on the offer,” said Rep. Wilson.

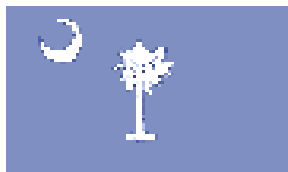
“Judicial nominees have always received a simple majority vote once they are referred to the Senate floor, and Mr. Estrada should be no different.”

House Passes Wilson Bill Recognizing 60th Anniversary of Historic Rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from Holocaust

Tues. March 11, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Joe Wilson (SC) made the following remarks after the U.S. House of Representatives passed H. Con. Res. 77 on a vote of 418-0, which commemorates the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust during March of 1943. Rep. Wilson, Co-Chairman of the House Bulgarian Caucus, introduced the legislation.

“Bulgaria is truly a remarkable country and deserves this special recognition for saving the lives of thousands of Bulgarian Jews, despite immense Nazi pressure,” said Rep. Wilson. “During the time Adolph Hitler was attempting to extinguish all Jewish people from Europe, the Bulgarian people, politicians and civic leaders, succeeded in protecting their 50,000 Jewish compatriots from deportation to the death camps. In fact, Bulgaria was the only country in Europe to increase its Jewish population during World War II.”

“Bulgaria has proven itself to be a reliable ally in the War on Terrorism, a true friend of the United States, and a partner in disarming the brutal dictator Saddam Hussein. I commend the efforts of patriots like Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Ambassador Elena Poptodorova, Foreign Minister Solomon Passy, Defense Minister Nikolai Svinarov, Deputy Chief of Mission Emil Yalnazov, and Ambassador Stefan Stoyanov for continuing important reforms, and for leading their entry into NATO.”



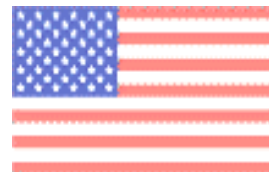
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Upcoming Hearings

HASC – Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee Hearing

No Subcommittee or Full Committee Hearings, Armed Services Committee



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